

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
Worksession
April 4, 2023

Board members present: Cal Stiles, Chairman; Jan Griggs, Vice-Chair; Randy Phillips, member; Ben Adams, member; and, Dr. Dan Eichenbaum, member.

Others present: Randy Wiggins, County Manager; Maria Hass, Asst. County Manager/Clerk to Board; Candy Anderson, Finance Director; and, Darryl Brown, County Attorney.

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Location: Cherokee County Courthouse, Room 342.

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Ethics Statement

Agenda Adoption

Motion made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Griggs to adopt the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Valley River Humane Society Budget Request

Jim Gerke and Jeff Manson presented the budget request. VRHS has requested an increase in funding for a total request of \$250,233.31.

Hiwassee Dam Park Discussion

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Griggs and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Phase 1 of the Hiwassee Dam Park project, as presented by McGill Associates. The estimated cost of Phase 1 is \$1,160,600.00. McGill will assist the county with preparing a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) Grant Application. The county will be requesting the maximum PARTF grant award of \$500,000, as well as, applying for any other available grant funds to help offset the county's cost. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Griggs, Stiles, Adams and Eichenbaum. Voting against the Motion was Commissioner Phillips. Motion passed 4-1.

Tri-County Community College Budget Request

Korey Eller, accompanied by Roarke Arrowood and Paul Worley, presented the budget request. The total amount requested is \$924,281.

Additional Discussion

Motion made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and North Carolina Division of Public Health and the Cherokee County Health Department, Graham County Department of Public Health, Haywood County Health & Human Services Agency, Jackson County Department of Public Health, and Swain County Health Department. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Griggs and seconded by Commissioner Phillips to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON JUNE 5, 2023.